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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Implementing the States' Reporting Burden Reduction Recommendations

FROM: Marcus Peacock
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TO: Assistant Administrators
General Counsel
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This memorandum provides the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's first progress report on the State Reporting Burden Reduction Initiative. When I presented our initial results at the Environmental Council of the States Spring Meeting, EPA had determined that 20 percent of the 239 specific recommendations could be implemented in FY 2008 or earlier. I am happy to report that we now know almost 60 percent of the recommendations have been or will be implemented in FY 2008. The attached document summarizes the current status of this important effort.

Making sure we only collect information we need is an important component of a credible performance management system. I am pleased at the progress we are making to reduce state reporting burdens.

While this is good news, the remainder of the recommendations will continue to require serious consideration by EPA's senior leadership. EPA should continue to work with the states to ensure they are aware of all opportunities to reduce their reporting burden and that decisions on all recommendations will be transparent.

Thank you again for your cooperation and support of the state reporting burden reduction effort. Continued progress in implementing these recommendations will improve the state-EPA partnership and the effectiveness of our performance management system.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Randy Kelly, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations, at (202) 564-3126, or Mike Osinski at (202) 564-3792.

Attachment

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